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COAL GASSIFICATION
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) has tied up with ONGC for coal gassification;

(b) if so. the details thereof and the investment proposed to be made by the CIl.;

(c) whether the Government has studied total extractable reserves of coal gas in abandoned mines under the CIL; and

(d) if so. the details thereof, subsidiary-wise and mine-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): The Board of Directors of Coal India Limited (CIL) has. in principle. approved signing of an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) for pilot underground coal gasification project.

1(b): Investment details have to be worked out after signing of MOU with ONGC. However, it is a joint venture with equal (50:50) participation.

(c)&(d):As reported by Coal India Limited extractable reserves of coal gas in abandoned mines of CIL has not been assessed as yet.